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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Applicants request an extension of the period for response to the Final Office

Action dated April 13, 2004. A Notice of Appeal was filed on October 13, 2004, therefore,

Applicants request an extension of time for five months, from December 13, 2004 to May 13, 2005.

Concurrently with the filing of this Petition, Applicants are filing a Continuation to continue the prosecution of the invention disclosed in the instant application, a copy of which is enclosed. Enclosed is a check for \$2160.00 in payment of the fee set forth in Section 1.17(c) for a three-month extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

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